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### OLATHE, KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Aaron M. Meek**, 26, Olathe, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on December 15, 2003, before U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to one count of **being a felon in possession of a firearm**.

Melgren said that Meek admitted at his plea that on August 15, 2003, agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives executed a search warrant at his residence in Johnson County, Kansas, and found a rifle and ammunition in his living room. Meek further admitted that he had previously been convicted in 1999 in Johnson County, Kansas, of aggravated assault and of domestic battery. Meek admitted that he knew that because of these prior convictions he was prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.

Meek faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for March 8, 2004.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.